(b) whether the production of cement has been declined; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, unit-wise alongwith the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) A statement indicating the Statewise distribution of large cement plants alongwith installed capacity in each State is enclosed. There are about 300 mini cement plants in the country having a total installed capacity of 9 million tonnes. However, Statewise detail of these mini plants are not maintained centrally.

(b) No, sir.

(c) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

Statewise number of large Cement Plant

State	No. of Plants	Installed capacity (Lakh Tonnes)
Delhi	1	5.00
Haryana	2	5.78
Punjab	1	10.50
Himachal Pradesh	4	25.00
Jammu & Kashmir	1	2.00
Rajasthan	15	128.72
Uttar Pradesh	5	30.87
Bihar	7	43.53
Orissa	3	14.97
West Bengal	2	8.70
Assam	1	2.00
Meghalaya	1	2.00
Tamil Nadu	8	67.95
Andhra Pradesh	19	117.20
Karnataka	9	65.76
Kerala	1	4.20
Maharashtra	8	60.11
Gujarat	13	63.45
Madhya Pradesh	23	232.57
Total	124	890.31

Decline in Sales Growth

3266. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV :
DR. T. SUBBARAMA REDDY :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item appearing in 'Economic Times' dated September 23,1996 under the caption "Corporate India to report sharp drop in sales growth";

(b) whether corporate sector have shown significant slow growth of sale and net profit in the first half to the current fiscal year; and

(c) if so, the main reasons therefor and the steps taken to improve the condition of the corporate sector?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Economic Times on 23.9.1996 had indicated that the average growth in turnover of Sensex 30 companies excluding IDBI, ICICI and SBI will be between 9-10% compared to 24% last year. However, later results reported on the 9th of November and the 25th of November in respect of 66 and 232 companies respectively, indicate a moderate slowdown in sales growth rats, Profit of the corporate sector has also recorded slower growth rates in first half of 1996-97.

(c) The Government does not monitor the performance of individual companies. However, sector-specific strategies are adopted for accelerating industrial growth in general is under performing sectors. Adequate credit with softened interest rates assured to industries through the recently announced busy season credit policy is expected to provide further impetus to growth.

Uniform Central-State Investment Law

3267. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to news-item appeared in the 'Economic Times' dated September 18,1996 under the caption "UK Seeks uniform Centre-State investment laws";

(b) whether there is a need to set up various task forces to look into the areas where investment can be solicited;

(c) if so, the reasons for delay;

(d) the main features of the approach prepared two years ago;

(e) the number of Ministries involved in this approach; and

(f) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f). Foreign investments into India are regulated in accordance with the national Industrial Policy under which all foreign investments in 35 high priority industries having upto 51% foreign equity are approved under an automatic route by the RBI under powers delegated to it. Foreign investments in high priority industries with foreign equity in excess of 51% or in areas outside the 35 high priority industries are

considered and approved by the Foreign Investment Promotion Board/Government of India. State Government clearances may however, be necessary for various utilities such as land, power, water etc. related to the projects/investments. A number of State Governments have set up single window system for such clearances and for investor facilitation and assistance.

Printing Press, Dewas

3268. SHRI THAWAR CHAND GEHLOT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of various types of printing machines alongwith their number purchased from different sources by the 'Bhartiya Bank Note Press', Dewas during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96;

(b) the details of types of the said printing machines alongwith their number installed till October 19,1996;

(c) the reasons for not commissioning the said installed machines till date; and

(d) the time by which the said machines are proposed to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) The details of various types of printing machines received by the Bank Note Press, Dewas during the last three years are as under :-

Year	Type of Machine	Total number	Sources of purchase
1993-94	Nil	Nil	Nil
1994-95	Super Simultan 212 machine	2	M/s. De La Rue Giori, Switzerland.
	Super Orlof Intaglio Machine	2	M/s. Dela Rue Giori, Switzerland.
	Super Numerota 212 Machine	2	M/s. Dela Rue Giori, Switzerland.
	Cutpack-II India Unversal	1	M/s. De la Rue Giori, Switzerland.
1995-96	Nil	Nil	Nil

(b) The above machines, 2 number of Super Simultan 212 machines, 2 numbers of Super Orlef Intaglio machines and 2 numbers of Super Numerota 212 Machine have already been installed as on 19-10-96.

(c) During shipment, some parts of the Cutpack-II India Universal Machine were received in damaged condition due to which the errection work in respect of this mahcine was delayed.

(d) As per action plan, the above machines will start production by the end of February, 1997.

Loss of Marine Products due to Cyclone

3269. SHRI DHARMA BIKSHAM : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the extent which the loss is expected during 1996-97 in 'AQUA Culline" export due to heavy cyclones in the country particularly in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) the measures taken to increase the export of marine products?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) Presuming that the question relate to aquaculture exports, Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) have estimated as of now a loss of Rs.22.6 crores worth of aquaculture production, due to heavy cyclone in the country and particularly in Andhra Pradesh. Besides this, 5671 hectare of area has been affected on account of structural damages etc. accounting for a loss of around Rs. 59.26 crores.

(b) MPEDA have been implementing a number of schemes to increase the export of marine products which include inter-alia rendering technical assistance, subsidy assistance and training to entrepreneurs and farmers directed at boosting the aquaculture production and consequently the exports as a whole.

[Translation]

Official Language in Election Commission

3270. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the provisions of official language policy and Official Language Act are adhered to in the functioning of Election Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether official language committee is functioning like other Ministries/Departments;

(d) if so, whether any programme has been prepared for the next year; and

(e) if so, the details thereof;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) and (b). The provisions of official language policy and official Language Act are being adhered to in the Election Commission.

(c) Official Language Implementation Committee is functioning in the Commission.

(d) and (e). The annual programmes issued by the Department of Official Language are being implemented.